

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 22. (Canceled).

23. (Currently Amended) A tripod joint for transmitting a driving torque between two driving elements of a drive train, comprising:

a joint inner part; and

a joint outer part holding the joint inner part, the joint inner part having a ball joint including a ball heads head, the ball heads head ~~in each case~~ mounted in a recess in an inner ring pivotable with respect to the inner ring, the inner ring and a rolling body configured to transmit driving torque to the joint outer part, the recess in the inner ring including a cylindrical subregion, at least one annular securing ring arranged in a respective groove in the inner ring in a region of the cylindrical subregion and extending radially into the recess in the region of the cylindrical subregion, an inner diameter of the securing ring arranged in the respective groove is less than an outer diameter of the ball head, ~~each the~~ ball head supported with respect to the inner ring ~~via the securing ring~~.

24. (Withdrawn) The tripod joint according to claim 23, wherein the recess includes a subregion corresponding to a cutout from a hemisphere and the cylindrical subregion.

25. (Previously Presented) The tripod joint according to claim 23, wherein the recess includes a cylindrical hole, and two spaced apart securing rings inserted into the cylindrical hole.

Claim 26. (Canceled).

27. (Currently Amended) A tripod joint for transmitting a driving torque between two driving elements of a drive train, comprising:

a joint inner part; and

a joint outer part holding the joint inner part, the joint inner part having a ball joint including ~~a ball heads head~~, the ball heads head ~~in each case~~ mounted within a cylindrical region enclosed by an inner ring and pivotable with respect to the inner ring, the inner ring and a rolling body configured to transmit driving torque to the joint outer part, at least one annular securing ring arranged in a respective groove in the cylindrical region enclosed by the inner ring and extending radially into the cylindrical region, an inner diameter of the securing ring arranged in the respective groove is less than an outer diameter of the ball head, each ~~the~~ ball head supported with respect to the inner ring ~~via the securing ring~~.

28. (Currently Amended) A tripod joint for transmitting a driving torque between two driving elements of a drive train, comprising:

a joint inner part; and

a joint outer part holding the joint inner part, the joint inner part having a ball joint including a ball head, the ball head mounted in a recess in an inner ring pivotable with respect to the inner ring, the inner ring and a rolling body configured to transmit driving torque to the joint outer part, the recess in the inner ring including a cylindrical subregion, at least one annular securing ring arranged in a respective groove in the inner ring in a region of the cylindrical subregion and extending radially into the recess in the region of the cylindrical subregion, an inner diameter of the securing ring arranged in the respective groove is less than an outer diameter of the ball head, the ball head supported with respect to the inner ring ~~via the securing ring~~.

29. (Currently Amended) A tripod joint for transmitting a driving torque between two driving elements of a drive train, comprising:

a joint inner part; and

a joint outer part holding the joint inner part, the joint inner part having a ball joint including a ball head, the ball head mounted within a cylindrical region enclosed by an inner ring and pivotable with respect to the inner ring, the inner ring and a rolling body configured to transmit driving torque to the joint outer part, at least one annular securing ring arranged in a respective groove in the cylindrical region enclosed by the inner ring and extending radially into the cylindrical region, an inner diameter of the securing ring arranged in the respective groove is less than an outer

diameter of the ball head, the ball head supported with respect to the inner ring via the securing ring.

30. (New) The tripod joint according to claim 25, wherein a distance between the two spaced apart securing rings is such that the ball head is axially fixed in relation to the inner ring.